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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2006. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), this response was due on May 7, 2006, a Sunday, and therefore is being filed on May 8, 2006, the next U.S.P.T.O. business day, thus making it a timely response. While Applicants believes that no additional fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees or any other relief that may be required, in connection with this reply to Deposit Account 50-2319 (Order No.: 463037-00217; File No.: A-68718-2).

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